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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN SEEKS CANDIDACY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS
FOR 1976-1978

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1. PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR SATTAR CALLED ON ME JULY 15 UNDER
INSTRUCTIONS TO ADVISE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING PAKISTAN'S
DESIRE OBTAIN SEAT ON NEW IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS. SATTAR
REMINDS ME THAT HE HAD EARLIER INDICATED A PAKISTAN INTEREST
IN RUNNING FOR THE FLOATING SEAT PRESENTLY FILLED BY IRAQ, BUT
THEY HAD NOW LEARNED OF EGYPT'S CANDIDACY FOR THIS SEAT AND
FURTHER THAT EGYPT HAD RECEIVED THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE ARAB
LEAGUE. EARLIER PAKISTAN THOUGHT THAT EGYPT MIGHT RUN FOR
ONE OF THE TWO AFRICAN SEATS BUT SUBSEQUENTLY ANOTHER
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NORTH AFRICAN MOSLEM COUNTRY (UNSPECIFIED) HAD INDICATED

THAT IT WOULD BE RUNNING FOR ONE OF THE TWO AFRICAN SEATS (SEE BELOW, PARA 6) WHICH MEANT EGYPT WAS IN EFFECT PRECLUDED FROM DOING SO SINCE THE REMAINING AFRICAN SEAT WOULD HAVE TO GO TO BLACK AFRICA.

2. THE ONLY SEA THEN REMAINING FOR WHICH PAKISTAN COULD CONTEST IS THE MIDDLE EAST SOUTH ASIAN SEAT CURRENTLY FILLED BY IRAN. IRAQ HAS ALREADY INDICATED ITS DESIRE TO CONTINUE ON THE BOARD AND SUCCEED IRAN IN THIS SEAT AND HAS RECEIVED THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE ARAB LEAGUE.

3. SATTAR SAID HE WAS FULLY AWARE OF U.S. POSITION TO ABIDE BY REGIONAL CONSENSUS. HOWEVER, IN THIS INSTANCE IT APPEARED UNLIKELY THAT ANY REGIONAL CONSENSUS COULD BE OBTAINED BECAUSE THERE WAS NO FORUM FOR A DECISION OF THIS NATURE TO BE MADE IN THE MIDDLE EAST/SOUTH ASIAN REGION. PAKISTAN HAD RECEIVED ENDORSEMENTS FOR THEIR CANDIDACY FROM TURKEY, FRG AND BOLIVIA, NONE OF WHOM, HOWEVER, BELONGS TO REGION.

4. HE SAID THEY WOULD CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE IRAQ NOT TO CONTEST THE REGIONAL SEAT NOW HELD BY IRAN THUS MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR PAKISTAN TO OBTAIN THE SEAT. HE DID NOT APPEAR SANGUINE, HOWEVER, REGARDING THE RESULT OF THEIR EFFORTS AND LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ISSUE MIGHT ONLY BE RESOLVED IN RIO FOLLOWING A CONTEST BETWEEN THE TWO.

5. CURRENT LINEUP FOR BOARD ELECTIONS, THEREFORE LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

SEATS BECOMING VACANT	CANDIDATE
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LATIN AMERICA:

BRAZIL	ARGENTINA
URUGUAY	MEXICO
VENEZUELA	PANAMA

SOUTHEAST ASIA AND PACIFIC:

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THAILAND	MALAYSIA
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EASTERN EUROPE:

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	UNANNOUNCED
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MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA:

IRAN	EITHER IRAQ OR
	PAKISTAN. ALSO SOME

RUMORS OF INDONESIAN
CANDIDACY

AFRICA:

ZAMBIA

GHANA (PROTEXT)

ZAIRE

NOT KNOWN, ALTHOUGH

SOME INDICATION OF
NORTH AFRICAN MOSLEM
COUNTRY (SEE BELOW
PARA 6)

WESTERN EUROPE:

SPAIN

BELGIUM

TURKEY

PORTUGAL

FLOATING SEAT:

IRAQ

EGYPT

6. SECOND AFRICAN SEAT RAISES MANY PROBLEMS IN ADDITION
TO THAT MENTIONED BY SATTAR. TUNISIA WOULD, WE UNDER-
STAND, BE COUNTRY IN LINE FOR THIS SEAT SHOULD IT GO
TO NORTH AFRICA. BLACK AFRICANS COULD OBJECT TO
ANOTHER NORTH AFRICAN MOSLEM COUNTRY AS OVERREPRESENTING
ARAB INTERESTS. ON OTHER HAND, LIBYA COULD VERY LIKELY
OBJECT TO TUNISIA AS UNDERCUTTING LIBYA'S OWN CLAIM
TO SPEAK FOR ARAB WORLD ON THIS BOARD.STONE

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